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Edward Salvi

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November 1, 2005 5:54 PM

Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Schumer:

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kenneth schmitt

1164 sparrowwood blvd, batavia, OH 45103

November 1, 2005 1:19 PM

Senator Mike DeWine U.S. Senate 140 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Donald Ralston

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November 1, 2005 1:52 PM

Senator Mark Pryor U.S. Senate 257 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Donald Raiston

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Geoffrey Martin

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November 1, 2005 1:48 PM

Representative Charles Taylor U.S. House of Representatives 231 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Ron Mauroschadt

408 East Berkshire Rd., Berkshire, NY 13736

November 1, 2005 5:21 PM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Clinton:

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Dolores Butler

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November 1, 2005 1:18 PM

Representative Fred Upton U.S. House of Representatives 2183 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Dale kaufmann

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Senator Barack Obama U.S. Senate 713 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Mary S. Casey

6355 Corbly Rd. #15 , Cincinnati, OH 45230

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Senator George Voinovich U.S. Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Cynthia Kerr

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Emmett Robinson

17837 Oyster Bay Court, Dumfries, VA 22026

November 2, 2005 9:38 AM

Representative Jo Ann Davis U.S. House of Representatives 1123 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Jason Winebarger

3008 Ellwood Avenue Apartment C, Richmond, VA 23221

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November 1, 2005 2:02 PM

Representative Bobby Scott U.S. House of Representatives 1201 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Jason Winebarger

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Nancy Doyle

591 Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

November 1, 2005 1:15 PM

Senator Dick Durbin U.S. Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Arthur Firth

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November 1, 2005 5:08 PM

Representative Howard Coble U.S. House of Representatives 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Lisle Hageman

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November 1, 2005 5:20 PM

Representative Paul Gillmor U.S. House of Representatives 1203 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Rosemarie Gore

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November 1, 2005 1:16 PM

Senator Bill Nelson U.S. Senate 716 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Representative Ginny Brown-Waite U.S. House of Representatives 414 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Brown-Waite:

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Senator Herb Kohl U.S. Senate 330 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kohl:

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Representative Michael McNulty U.S. House of Representatives 2210 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Maria Cantwell U.S. Senate 717 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Cantwell:

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November 1, 2005 2:03 PM

Senator Kay Hutchison U.S. Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Representative James Walsh U.S. House of Representatives 2369 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Representative Phil English U.S. House of Representatives 1410 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Mark Dayton U.S. Senate 123 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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